

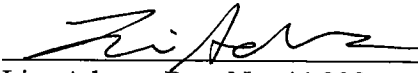
REMARKS

Claims 1-19, 21-24, 27-40, and 65-74 are currently pending, however claims 5, 11, and 27-33 are withdrawn from consideration. Claims 24, 69, and 72 are objected to, and claims 1-4, 6-10, 12-23, 34-40, 65-68, 70, 71, 73, and 74 stand rejected.

In the Advisory Action, the Examiner maintains the previous rejection. Applicants thank the Examiner for extending the courtesy of a telephone interview to Applicants undersigned representative on April 30, 2007. In the telephone interview, agreement was reached that the amendments submitted herewith overcome the pending rejections. In particular, Applicants amend independent claims 1, 35, 65, 73, and 74 to clarify that the proximal portion of the elongate shaft extends at an angle *other than 0* relative to the distal end of the elongate shaft. Accordingly, all pending claims are now in condition for allowance, and allowance thereof is respectfully requested. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned attorney for Applicants is such communication is deemed to expedite the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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